



The Cook Family Foundation

Fall 2018

PURPOSE

Serving as both a resource for the community and a catalyst for positive change.

OBJECTIVE

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"Religion, morality, and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged." So reads the inscription above Angell Hall, quoting part of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 that required a public university as a pre-condition for Michigan becoming a state.

Encouraging "the means of education"

The words over Angell Hall proclaim a "fundamental commitment of the University of Michigan, one we've held for almost 201 years," said Martin Philbert, Provost of the University, in remarks at the Cook Family Foundation's 2018 scholarship awards dinner. This year, 20 high school students from the greater Shiawassee County region received scholarships to the University and will be enrolling this fall.



"A key element of the University's success is attracting outstanding students," noted the Provost, the chief executive officer of the University. The Cook Family Foundation works with the University to recruit and support top students from ten area high schools. Foundation scholarships combine with outstanding financial aid from the University to make Michigan one of the most affordable universities in the state, especially for lower income students.



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EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2016

The Go Blue Guarantee is part of a commitment to ensure that all Michigan residents enrolled in the University have sufficient financial aid. Free tuition is offered to any student from a family earning less than \$65,000 and the University provides significant assistance to most middle-income families, often in conjunction with scholarships, work study, and other assistance.

For more information, visit
goblueguarantee.umich.edu



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Shiawassee Scholars 2018 Inductees *Graduating Class of 2022*

Shiawassee Scholars Program in its 19th Year

With funding from the Cook Family Foundation, the Shiawassee Regional Education Service District (SRES D) supports the area's most academically talented students in their high school careers.

The Shiawassee Scholars program recognizes eighth grade students by their performance on the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test), a test designed for high school juniors. The top 52 scorers from the Shiawassee County area, who chose to enroll full-time in one of eight public high schools, are eligible to become Shiawassee Scholars.

The Shiawassee Scholars are eligible to apply for scholarships for summer and school-year academic enrichment programs, are given counseling support, and are all invited to spend three days on the campus of the University of Michigan. The goal of these efforts is to inspire and qualify these students for admittance to top colleges and merit-based scholarships.

For more information on the program, contact
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989-743-3471 or visit the Programs & Services
section of their website at sresd.org

Byron

Ella Coulter
Abigail Franzmeier
Caleb Joslin
Rachel Reed
Anyia Wasilenski

Corunna

Stephen Bender
Aliyah Bentley
Claire Buckley
Abigail Colborn
Lucas Cunningham
Brock Herrick
Alyssa Kenyon
Colin Lavery
Collin Munro
Carson Reed
Vanessa Zettle

Durand

Jade Garske
Zachary Hinojosa

Laingsburg

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Alyse Rowley
Zachary Slider
Nichole Steffens
Ethan West

New Lothrop

Hannah Beaucamp
Ethan Brunner
Isabel Henige
Chalea Herron
Dillan Morell
Makenzi Tallon
Jason Weber
Madison Wheeler

Morrice

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Owosso

Kendall Anderson
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Casmiera Thorman



Tyson Moore Awarded Bruce & Jackie Cook Scholarship

Every year, Bruce & Jackie Cook, separate from the Foundation, provide a four-year, full tuition scholarship to a top student from the Shiawassee County area. This year, Tyson Moore from Corunna was recognized with a scholarship for his academic achievements, leadership abilities, and potential for success.

Tyson is the son of Michael and Jennifer Moore, and plans to pursue a major in biochemistry with the goal of becoming a medical researcher. At Corunna High School he was a member of the concert and marching bands, and was a drum major for two years. He is an accomplished member of the swim team, and has served as captain and lifeguard, and is a proud member of the National Honor Society.

His swim coach, Cameron Nellis, observed "He's a morally, ethically sound individual, he works hard, he's smart, he cares for other people."

Brendan Dewley Is Donald Cook Scholarship Winner

Brendan Dewley, Owosso High School senior, is this year's recipient of the Donald Cook Scholarship.

Brendan has been the vice president of the student government at OHS for two years, and is a member of the quiz bowl team and National Honor Society. He has played tennis and worked on the robotics team, and is employed at Bob Evans restaurant. He is the son of Josh and Lynnette Dewley and will be looking to study communications, political science and social change at the University of Michigan. Potential career paths include being a television writer, journalist or possibly a lawyer. "I am very grateful for everything the Cooks have done," said Dewley. "It's going to put me at ease knowing I have their support."



On Their Way to U of M

This year 20 of the leaders and best from nine area high schools have enrolled at the University of Michigan.

Byron

Olivia Howard
Ian Wilsdon

New Lothrop

Michael Kieffer
Rebekah Riley

Corunna

Ramneet Chauhan
Christopher Mars
Michael Miller, Jr.
Tyson Moore

Owosso

Jake Bacigal
Abigail Brainerd
Daniel Clevenger
Brendan Dewley
Damien Moore, Jr.

Durand

Nicholas Mazzara

Ovid-Elsie

Kathryn Beeman

Laingsburg

Ryan Kingsbury
Matthew Nickols
Emma Smith

Perry

Trent Ivey

Morrice

Spencer Wood

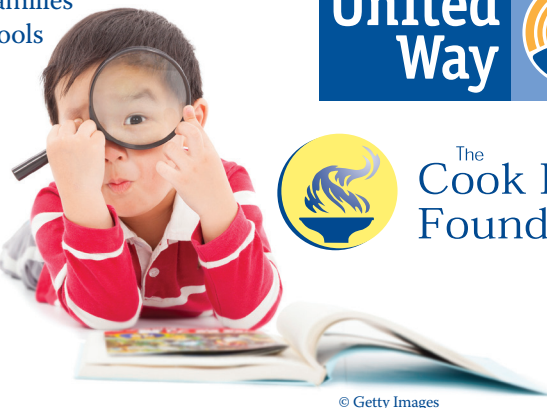
Foundation and United Way Team Up for Preschool Scholarships

The first step toward academic success for any student begins before kindergarten.

As psychologists, educators, physicians and parents know, learning begins at birth. While much of brain development is nurtured by the family, preschool and other formal early learning experiences can play an important role. Recognizing this reality, early childhood education has long been a priority of the Cook Family Foundation.

Earlier this year, the Foundation provided a \$10,000 grant for preschool scholarships to Shiawassee Great Start. United Way of Genesee and Shiawassee County have now provided \$16,000 in additional support. Scholarships are available to families with financial need to attend preschool centers operated by public schools in Shiawassee County, or one of several private preschools that meet Great Start quality standards.

Great Start is a collaborative program of the Shiawassee Regional Education Service District and several social service agencies. United Way of Genesee County now serves Shiawassee and has made early childhood literacy one of its priorities. For more information on preschool scholarships, contact Tara Agnew 989-725-2581.



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